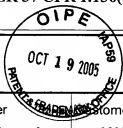


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
SM-5455-DIV-US(112713-1304)

In Re Application Of: **Bilstad et al.**



Application No. 09/970,580	Filing Date October 4, 2001	Examiner Krisanne M. Jastrzab	Customer No. 29200	Group Art Unit 1744	Confirmation No. 2598
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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING PRE-STERILIZED COMPONENTS IN AN ACTIVE STERILE FIELD**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 19, 2005 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: August 19, 2005 until: October 19, 2005
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$450** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Signature

Dated: **October 17, 2005**

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